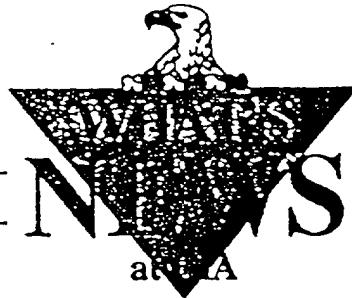


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Message From the ADCI on the *New York Times* Story on Guatemala

The suggestion that the Central Intelligence Agency had any information about the deaths of Michael Devine and Efraim Bamaca Velasquez at the time the deaths occurred—and deliberately concealed such information—is a completely false and utterly irresponsible charge. Credible information about the deaths of these individuals was acquired by the US Intelligence Community well after they occurred. The Agency shared all of this information with the appropriate US Government authorities.

The CIA provided detailed briefings to both Congressional intelligence oversight com-

mittees in early February 1995, providing our most recent information on this subject. Statements that the CIA is "simply out of control" and that there is a "criminal element" within the Agency do a great disservice to the dedicated men and women who work for this organization. CIA officials briefed Representative Torricelli on the evening of March 22, detailing our knowledge of these events and the actions we took.

Additional information will be provided in subsequent Agency forums. (This is UNCLASSIFIED.)▼

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